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Urieville Miller's House and Mill Site
Urieville
c. 1800

Like several early 19th century houses in Kent County, the Miller's House at Urieville boasts beaded ceiling joists in the hall-parlor plan, two-story building. Its asymmetrical three-bay north facade retains an original board and batten door, with later window cut therein. The broad windows with 6/6 sash appear to be replacements of earlier 12/8 sash. A second door was introduced on the south side for access to the parlor.

In the late 19th century, Urieville was a small community of shops and houses. It is depicted in the Lake, Griffing, Stevenson Atlas of 1877 with a number of houses beside a grist mill and saw mill. Samuel Hopkins advertised his flour in the Kennedyville business directory along with J. P. Pote, Blacksmith, and A. Strong, Wheelwright, all in Urieville.¹ In 1902, the property was listed for sale in the Kent News:

"This property consists of a flour and feed mill, a two story dwelling with kitchen and stable and carriage house. The dwelling is old and in fair condition. The mill was remodeled last year to the latest improved system of grinding, scalping and bolting, and is now almost new throughout. Power is supplied by two turbine wheels under 12 feet head. The water is abundant at all seasons. There is no better water power or more desirable milling property in Kent County. It is situated in one of the finest grain sections of the State, and has local demand for all its product, being close to several thriving towns and villages, and has paid a good profit for many years. The Mill is now idle, due to a break in the dam during the recent heavy rains. It can be put in condition for operations in a few days."²

This property was the site of a very early Perkins Mill. Its history is intimately tied together with the history of White House Farm, the home of the Perkins, located on the hill overlooking the old mill pond.

1. 1877 Lake Griffing Stevenson Atlas.
2. Kent County News, October 11, 1902.

URIEVILLE MILL AND MILLER'S HOUSE
Chestertown, Maryland
(ca 1800)

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Except for its foundations, the brick mill has vanished. The Miller's House, a small, three-bay hall-and-parlour plan building with beaded ceiling beams remains.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

URIEVILLE MILL AND MILLER'S HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

East side 213 north at Urieville. West
bank of Morgan Creek

1st

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Kent

STATE

Maryland 21620

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☒ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES RESTRICTED☐ YES UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☒ OTHER ruin**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Duncan Huggens, Jr.

Telephone #: 301-778-2948

STREET & NUMBER

Urieville Mill, 213 North

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21620

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Kent County Court House

Liber #: WHG 75

Folio #: 581

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland 21620

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Maryland Historical Trust, Survey of Kent County

DATE

1969

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust, The Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis, MD 21401

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The old house at Urieville is a three bay gable-roofed structure with a modern side wing. The building is two stories in height with a full basement and shallow-pitched roof without dormers. Originally the building had brick chimneys enclosed in each gable; the east chimney has been removed (and replaced by a plywood facsimile) and the west chimney stuccoed.

The house was originally constructed with a hall and parlour plan. Windows are therefore unevenly spaced so that there are two bays in the western portion of the house and one in the eastern. All windows in the old main house have 6/6 sash; these sash are replacements. No window trim is visible. The windows are quite wide and there are basement windows--equal in width--cut into the field stone foundation. These latter have been made narrower.

The entry door on the north side of the house retains an early door made up of wide, beaded boards and hung on three strap hinges with arrowhead ends. A later diamond-shaped window has been cut into this door. There are two entry doors on the south facade, one in each room. There are modern doors hung in these openings.

The exterior finish of the house is now wooden shingles. The owner states that the siding under these shingles is flush, beaded weatherboard 8" to 9" wide.

Relatively little changes have occurred on the interior of the Millers House; a small kitchen has been constructed in the hall, a wide doorway was cut between the two first floor rooms, one fireplace was removed, and narrow hardwood floors were laid over the pine. Most detailing remains in place.

The parlour fireplace has a rectangular opening with a plastered surround. The mantle shelf which surmounts the fireplace has elaborate Federal moldings and two frieze blocks on its plain frieze. There is a plaster panel above the fireplace and a paneled

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES *ca 1800*

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The illustration of the mill building shows a three story structure with a gable roof and end chimneys. Foundations of this building remain and are indicated on the map. The mill burned soon after World War II and the earth embankment dam finally collapsed at about the same time.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Kent County Land Records, Kent County Court House, Chestertown, Md. 21620

Lake, Griffing & Stevenson. An Illustrated Atlas of Kent and Queen Anne (sic) Counties, Md. (Philadelphia: 27 South Sixth Street, 1877.)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marsha L. Fritz, Survey Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Kent County Planning Commission

DATE

778-4600, ext.67

STREET & NUMBER

Court House

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Chestertown, MD 21620

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

closet. Right of the fireplace is the corner stair to the second floor. It has a six-panel door with quarterround moldings and raised and beveled panels. Chairrails in the downstairs rooms are made up of three parts, as shown, and most window trim is a Grecian Ovolo. Most surprising in light of these Federal and Grecian details are the beaded beams in the ceiling of the parlour. Whether these indicate an older house "modernized" during the early 19th century or a carry-over of an early practice cannot be determined from the existing evidence.

The second floor has three rooms arranged along a hall which extends along the north side of the house. This story is unchanged except for a bath which has been added at the east end of the hall. The doors on this floor are beaded board doors and some retain their wooden string latches. Six-inch wide yellow pine is used as flooring.

Remnants of foundations near the house may be the kitchen, stable, and carriage house mentioned.

At one time there were probably many houses in Kent County like the Millers House. Few now remain and most of them--Massey House (K-380) and the Hildebrand House (K-194)-- are so altered that their original character is destroyed. This house is therefore, significant because it is one of the last of its type that is mostly intact.

In addition, the property is important because it is the site of one of Kent's early centers of agriculture-related commerce.

Mortgagee's Sale

— OF —

URIEVILLE MILL

PROPERTY.

BY VIRTUE of the power contained in the mortgage from John W. Temple and wife and William W. McKnett and wife to A. Coates, dated the 17th day of October, 1878, and recorded among the Land Records of Kent county, in Liber D. C. B., No. 4, Folio 76, the undersigned, as assignee of said mortgage, will offer at public sale in front of the Court House Door in Chestertown, Md., on

TUESDAY, November 11, 1902

At Twelve O'clock Noon.

ALL THAT VALUABLE MILL PROPERTY CALLED

The Urieville Mill

CONTAINING 31½ ACRES,

more or less, situated in the Second Election District of Kent county, Maryland, on the public road from Chestertown to Kennedyville, about six miles from Chestertown and two miles from Kennedyville, both places being on the line of the Pennsylvania Railroad system.

This property consists of a FLOUR AND FEED MILL, A TWO STORY DWELLING with Kitchen and Stable and Carriage House. The Dwelling is old and in fair condition.



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This property is offered for sale in order to settle the estate of the late Wm. W. McKnett. Possession will be given upon the ratification of sale.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-third of the purchase money cash on the day of sale, the residue in two equal instalments in one and two years from the day of sale; the deferred payments to bear interest from the day of sale, and to be secured to the satisfaction of the assignee. Title papers at the cost of the purchaser.

LEWIN W. WICKES,

ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGE.
JOHN H. GREENWOOD, Auct'r. oc 11 ts.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

1. STATE <i>Maryland</i> COUNTY <i>Kent</i> TOWN <i>Kennedyville</i> VICINITY <i>Urieville</i> STREET NO. <i>Rt 213, 2.5 miles S.W. of Kennedyville</i> <i>(south side of Rd - lane to old house)</i> ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE <i>Mill</i> PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE <i>Site</i> WALL CONSTRUCTION NO. OF STORIES		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <i>K-291</i>	
		2. NAME <i>Urieville Mill</i> DATE OR PERIOD STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER	
		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC <i>NO</i>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE <i>Endangered</i> <i>Interior</i> <i>Exterior</i>			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)			
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC. <i>Mr. Everett Hamden, Chestertown, Md.</i> <i>200 Campus Ave. " 21620</i>		7. PHOTOGRAPH 9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER <i>Michael Bourne</i> DATE OF RECORD <i>Jan, 1969</i>	

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